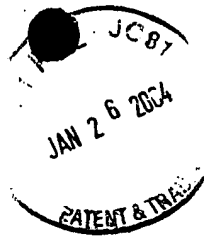


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In re Application of:)
: Examiner: S. Patel
Tomochika MURAKAMI, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2621
Application No.: 09/676,949)
: Filed: October 2, 2000)
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE,) January 26, 2004
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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2003 for two months from November 29, 2003 to January 29, 2004. A check in the amount of \$420.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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Amendment

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, please amend the application as indicated below.